

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/720,859

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed on 4/10/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-86.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Olisa Anwah
Patent Examiner
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-86 are allowed.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steve Thomas on June 19, 2007.

AMMENDMENT to APPLICATION

4. The claims has been amended as follows:
 - a) Regarding claim 1, line 10
--by a system--has been inserted before "that";
 - b) Regarding claim 23, line 13
--by a system--has been inserted before "that";

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c) Regarding claim 24, line 8

--by a system--has been inserted before "that";

d) Regarding claim 31, line 7

--by a system--has been inserted before "that";

e) Regarding claim 41, line 11

--by the system--has been inserted before "that";

f) Regarding claim 63, line 11

--by the system--has been inserted before "that";

g) Regarding claim 64, line 10

--by the apparatus--has been inserted before "that";

h) Regarding claim 71, line 7

--by the apparatus--has been inserted before "that";

i) Regarding claim 81, line 12

--by a system--has been inserted before "that";

j) Regarding claim 82, line 10

--by a system--has been inserted before "that";

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k) Regarding claim 83, line 8

--by a system--has been inserted before "that";

l) Regarding claim 84, line 10

--by the system--has been inserted before "that";

m) Regarding claim 85, line 10

--by the apparatus--has been inserted before "that";

n) Regarding claim 86, line 7

--by the apparatus--has been inserted before "that";

5. The specification has been amended as follows:

a) Regarding line 16 of page 2 from the specification

--_____--has been replaced with "10/720,661";

b) Regarding line 18 of page 2 from the specification

--_____--has been replaced with "10/721,009";

c) Regarding line 20 of page 2 from the specification

--_____--has been replaced with "10/720,943";

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d) Regarding line 2 of page 3 from the specification

--_____--has been replaced with "10/721,005";

e) Regarding line 4 of page 3 from the specification

--_____--has been replaced with "10/720,868";

f) Regarding line 4 of page 3 from the specification

--_____--has been replaced with "10/720,970";

g) Regarding line 8 of page 3 from the specification

--_____--has been replaced with "10/720,952";

h) Regarding line 10 of page 3 from the specification

--_____--has been replaced with "10/720,870";

i) Regarding line 11 of page 3 from the specification

--_____--has been replaced with "10/720,633";

j) Regarding line 13 of page 3 from the specification

--_____--has been replaced with "10/720,971";

k) Regarding line 16 of page 3 from the specification

--_____--has been replaced with "10/720,784";

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l) Regarding line 17 of page 3 from the specification

-- _____ --has been replaced with "10/720,920";

m) Regarding line 19 of page 3 from the specification

-- _____ --has been replaced with "10/720,825";

n) Regarding line 21 of page 3 from the specification

-- _____ --has been replaced with "10/720,944";

o) Regarding line 1 of page 4 from the specification

-- _____ --has been replaced with "10/720,933";

p) Regarding line 3 of page 4 from the specification

-- _____ --has been replaced with "10/720,938";

Reasons for Allowance

6. Regarding claims 16 and 56, Ben-Shachar et al, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0169330 (hereinafter Ben-Shachar) mentions that a copy of the recording may be automatically sent to selected recipients (see paragraph 0076). However, Ben-Shachar does not teach a copy of the recording is sent to one of the plurality of users who declines to participate in the conference call. Note: Clisham et al, U.S.

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Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0119814 (hereinafter Clisham) teaches pushing a video and audio stream to a destination device if a call request is rejected (see paragraph 0156). However, Clisham does not teach the pushed video and audio stream is an audio stream corresponding to the conference call.

As per claims 1, 23, 24, 31, 41, 63, 64, 71 and 81-86, Skarbo et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,764,901 (hereinafter Skarbo) discloses providing an audio stream to a plurality of destination devices (see Figure 1) and storing the audio stream (see Figure 17). Skarbo explains that the user selects a File/Save toolbar button in order to save the recorded audio stream (see column 19). However, Skarbo fails to teach selectively deleting the stored audio stream, while the conference call is ongoing, based on a determination by a system that a user has exited the conference call.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

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Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olisa Anwah whose telephone number is 571-272-7533. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8.30 AM to 6 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on 571-272-7547. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 571-273-8300 for regular communications and 571-273-8300 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.

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